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# RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 27, 2005, for which the Examiner has set a one month due date for response, making this response timely filed as of today's date.

### Restriction/Election Requirement

The Examiner subjected the pending claims (1-52) to a Restriction Requirement, stating that the claims are drawn to three distinct inventions, and has thus grouped the claims accordingly: Group I comprised of Claims 1-18, Group II comprised of Claims 22-47 and 52, and Group III comprised of Claims 48-51. The Examiner has required Applicants to elect one Group for which to continue prosecution in this case.

Applicants note that the Examiner lists the claims of Group I (drawn to a composition) as 1-18. Applicants also note that the Examiner has not listed Claims 19-21 (also drawn to the composition of Group I) as being part of any of the three Groups of claims. Applicants assume that the omission of Claims 19-21 was an oversight, and respond herewith under the assumption that Claims 19-21 are included in Group I.

Accordingly, Applicants hereby elect to continue the prosecution of the claims of Group II (Claims 22-47 and 52), and hereby cancel the claims of Groups I (Claims 1-21) and III (Claims 48-51). This election is made with traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to continue the prosecution of Group I (Claims 1-21) and/or Group III (Claims 48-51) in a Divisional application which will claim priority from the instant application.

### CONCLUSION

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this Response is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (734) 354-5445.

Respectfully submitted,

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